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Safety for Americans from Nuclear Weapons Testing Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2004
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Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 9, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Safety for Americans from Nuclear Weapons Testing Act - Deems each of the following actions undertaken by a Federal agency to be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment for which a detailed environmental impact statement is required in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969: (1) any action having as a purpose the resumption of nuclear weapon or nuclear explosive device tests at the Nevada Test Site; or (2) use of any other location for such testing. Outlines information required to be included in such statement, including: (1) the possibility of radiation containment failure and the effects of such failure; (2) possible long-term effects on the water table from underground radiation leakage; and (3) information with respect to certain kiloton categories of weapons.

Prohibits the United States from resuming any such testing unless authorized by a law enacted after the enactment of this Act.

Requires: (1) advance public notice of each test; and (2) prompt notice of each release of radiation beyond the boundaries of the Nevada Test Site.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to institutions of higher education to acquire and operate for ten years radiation detection equipment and sensors.

Directs the Secretary of Energy, through the Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency, to monitor the nature and extent of any radiation released into the atmosphere as a result of such testing. Requires: (1) DOE radiation containment assessment; and (2) public notice of monitoring data.

Requires the: (1) Director of the National Institutes of Health to make a grant to establish the National Center for the Study of Radiation and Human Health; and (2) Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of individuals exposed to nuclear weapons tests.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 11, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Mar 9, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H898)
- **Mar 9, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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